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## 2019 Single Estate Bordeaux Blend

### VARIETAL

38% Cabernet Sauvignon | 22% Merlot | 22% Petit Verdot | 18% Franc

### VINEYARDS

Owhanake Peninsular, Waiheke Island. Planted in 1992, one of the earliest red blend plantings on the island. Sandy clay soils within a natural amphitheatre fanned by afternoon sea breezes.

### SEASON

Growing conditions were perfect with settled warm weather patterns throughout spring provided optimal flowering conditions and extended dry periods mid summer to autumn. These conditions allowed fruit to reach optimal ripeness. As a result, 2019 will be fondly remembered as a vintage that produced an abundance of high-quality wines.

### HARVEST

By hand in late March and early April.

### VINIFICATION

The grapes were destemmed and then very gently pressed to open top fermenters. Twice daily plunging during fermentation before an extended maceration period post fermentation. The wine was aged in seasoned French barrels for 12 months before a light fining and bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Bright vibrant purple with a dense dark core. Lifted and intense aromas of black Doris plums, cassis and vanilla spice with complex savoury undertones. Rich, soft and opulent with lovely ripe tannins providing a wellstructured wine with warmth and generosity